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To: Members of the Management Committee
for the San Fernando Valley
Superfund Project

RE: FUTURE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING FOR SAN FERNANDO
VALLEY SUPERFUND PROJECT

The forty-seventh meeting of the Management Committee has been scheduled for 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, April 23, 1996, in the fourth floor conference room of the City of Glendale's Public Services Department offices located at 141 N. Glendale Avenue.

Enclosed are copies of the meeting agenda and minutes from our last meeting. As before, EPA invites requests for detailed information on specific topics, and will address any requests within its regular report.

If there are any questions, please contact me at (415) 744-2257.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Tom Kremer", is positioned above the typed name.

Thomas A. Kremer, Chief
Site Restoration Section

Enclosure

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE
SAN FERNANDO VALLEY SUPERFUND PROJECT

AGENDA

April 23, 1996

9:30 A.M.

CITY OF GLENDALE
PUBLIC SERVICES DEPARTMENT OFFICES
141 NORTH GLENDALE BOULEVARD

9:30 - 12:00 A.M.

• Environmental Protection Agency

- Updates on North Hollywood Operable Unit (OU), Burbank OU, Glendale North/South OUs, Basinwide Groundwater FS and Vadose Zone Study

John Mann wants it.

• Los Angeles Department of Water and Power

- Updates on North Hollywood Treatment Plant, Pollock Project, and other pumping and recharge projects

11-1200 gpm

opening bids 5/23

• City of Glendale

- Update on extant or planned pumping and/or recharge projects in the San Fernando Basin.

• City of Burbank

- Update on extant or planned pumping and/or recharge projects in the San Fernando Basin.

• Regional Water Quality Control Board

- Update on Soil/Groundwater Investigation/Cleanups

Greg Holmes
Long Beach 310 590 4868
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• Department of Toxic Substances Control

- Update on Soil/Groundwater Investigations/Cleanups, including Pacoima area sites

Taylor Yard - 5m GW sampling
Active land GW has multiple VOC contaminants
PCE release at soil boundary → soil vapor.

Pacoima - Greg Holmes - (818) 551 2800 general #

Vadose fault
may divert flow

Kleinert?

DTSC - nothing in 1 well want
DWP in 2 wells

uncontrolled problem in SFV.
calls discuss, set up future mtg.

John Mann - would like to know more about GW velocities in area.

ext mtg
July 23
reserve room
for Pacoima mtg
if needed.

**MEETING MINUTES
MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING FOR THE
SAN FERNANDO VALLEY SUPERFUND PROJECT**

On January 23rd, 1996, the Management Committee for the San Fernando Valley Superfund project met to discuss progress to date.

1. EPA Update: Tom Kremer reviewed the EPA budget situation, characterized by continuing uncertainty and reduced, short-term funding. The most significant impact is a major cut in the funding for the Regional Board site investigation program. EPA is under a hiring, promotion and awards freeze, with reduced levels of funding for travel and investigation/monitoring work as well.

OU Updates

1) North Hollywood: The Consent Decree representing the partial settlement of EPA's past and future costs has now been signed by Lockheed, Fleetwood Machine Products, Pacific Steel Treating, Bradley Landfill, Gregg Pit, and Hewitt Pit. As of January 17, it is being routed through EPA for signature, after which it will be forwarded to DOJ to be lodged with the court.

EPA continues to pursue the joint tracks of litigation and settlement negotiations with non-settlors Allied Signal, Hawker Pacific, Penrose Landfill, and Tuxford Landfill. The current litigation timeline set by the court anticipates a trial date of June 10, 1997.

CH2M Hill has prepared a performance evaluation of the North Hollywood Operable Unit groundwater treatment plant, which is now under review by EPA.

2) Burbank OU: Pending settlement of other outstanding issues (chiefly funding issues) related to the proposed Consent Decree for long term operation and maintenance of the Burbank Operable Unit groundwater treatment plant, EPA has tentatively agreed to an average annual groundwater extraction rate of 9,000 gallons per minute. EPA has tentatively agreed not to require reinjection of excess treated water under the assumption that the 9,000 gallon per minute rate can be substantially met. This is a reduction from the 12,000 gallon per minute extraction rate mandated by the existing Consent Decree between EPA and Lockheed, Weber, and the City of Burbank.

The Burbank Operable Unit treatment plant began delivering water to the City of Burbank public water system on January 3.

3) Glendale North and South OUs: In November, the PRPs began work on the supplemental design work to site the treatment plant at the present location of the Glendale Recycling Center. The work was accomplished through a nine week funding agreement between the City, Dreamworks, the PRPs, and EPA. An initial geotechnical evaluation performed under the agreement revealed the presence of unstable soils at the site. Work under the nine week agreement ended on January 4, 1996, and negotiations

continue among all parties for an agreement to fund the entire supplemental design effort.

EPA received a Good Faith Offer to conduct and pay for the Remedial Action from 30 PRPs on December 18, 1995. EPA and the PRPs began formal negotiations on January 12, 1996. Discussions at this meeting indicate that the PRPs do not have any major difficulties with the substantive content of the Consent Decree. Additional negotiation sessions are scheduled for January 23 and 24. The City is participating in the negotiations and has been working with the PRPs to clearly define the City's and PRPs' roles and responsibilities during construction and operation of the remedy.

The PRP's have completed the ADR allocation process for the Burbank OU's contribution to the Glendale OUs. Lockheed successfully appealed the decision of the technical panel to a judicial neutral, who is requiring the technical panel to revisit the several assumptions in calculating the contribution. New ADR schedules are being developed to accommodate the unexpected decision.

4) Pollock Study Area: There is no change in the status of the Pollock Study Area.

Basinwide Update

1) Basinwide FS: As a result of budgetary constraints, EPA has suspended work on the Basinwide Feasibility Study.

2) Groundwater Monitoring Program: The groundwater monitoring program has not been suspended. The normal sampling schedule for the groundwater monitoring program has been delayed by the two Federal government furloughs. Additional furloughs will result in further delays. A draft report on the hexavalent chromium sampling event conducted by EPA last summer will soon be available and will be mailed to the Management Committee members.

Other: Ned Black will be leaving the San Fernando Team in the near future. Mike Osinski will be the new basinwide and monitoring program project manager.

2. LADWP Update: Ernie Wong provided the report. North Hollywood OU has been operable one month in the past quarter. Contaminant levels are down to the mid-30's for TCE. The easternmost well shows increasing PCE, now at 58 PPB. Design is complete for the Pollock facility, with advertising for bids probably in February; construction should begin in May or June. At Headworks, DWP is doing pilot testing. They are evaluating the North Hollywood AOP, which may have excessive bromates produced by treatment. They are looking at a Solarchem AO process. At the East Valley water recycling project, about 10 monitoring wells are being planned.

3. City of Glendale Update: Wil Wilson provided a written summary paper. Wil explained that the treatment plant site for the OU is being changed to the Glendale Recycling Center site

because of Dreamworks' purchase of the Crystal Springs site. Negotiations have begun to keep the project, whose design had been completed, moving forward, with some level of compensation to the PRP group for the redesign work required. There is some controversy over whether the new site has soil stability problems compared to the original site. EPA staff are acting as mediators in the discussions among PRP's, Glendale and Dreamworks. Don Froelich noted that the city agreed to contribute early in the negotiations, and that the PRP's have been reasonable as a result. Operation of the treatment plant may be by contract or by the city.

4. City of Burbank Update: Fred Lantz reported that the original apparent low NO3 levels were not accurate, that levels are in the 55-60 ppm range. It won't be known what the long-term level will be until more pumping has been done. Burbank is looking at exchanging "shoulder" water with DWP and Glendale. Use of the GAC plant in summer is likely, but they need to reach agreement with Lockheed on funding. The OU plant began operating on January 3rd; a 60 day shakeout period is planned. January production has been 7800 gpm of blended water; Lockheed production has been 4000 gpm. Some minor operational bugs have been encountered, such as chlorinating Lockheed's sinusoidal flow. Burbank has taken over routine maintenance of the blending facility. Administrative Order parties still have some finish-up work. The GAC plant continues to operate. Nitrate levels are 15 ppm; overall quality is better than MWD. GAC will probably go off-line in fall 1996, then operate on a demand basis. Burbank intends to maximize the production from the Lockheed plant after the 60 day startup. Negotiations on long-term operation are in the hardball stage. There is less than desirable openness and sharing of information. The big issue is the agreement on operating costs. Lockheed wants a cash-out.

5. Regional Water Quality Control Board Update: Hubert Kang indicated that Board staff are looking at the Pacoima area, where Holchem, Price-Pfister and E&M Steel have wells with high levels of VOC's. This area is upgradient from LADWP's Tujunga wells. John Mann stressed that DWP is very concerned about these sources. Tom Kremer noted that these sites are likely beyond the Superfund site boundaries, but that he would check into what steps EPA could take, possibly in conjunction with the PASI grant to DTSC.

6. Department of Toxic Substances Control: Penny Nakashima provided an update on progress at the Taylor Yard site.